




Use of Iyya in Quran

Arabic attached pronouns are suffixes, not complete words in their own right. Because of this, Arabic grammar does not allow them to stand independently in a sentence; they must be attached to a "carrier" word. Normally, object pronouns immediately follow the verb, preposition, or particle governing them, and thus in the overwhelming majority of the time, this governing verb, preposition, or particle is also the "carrier" of the pronoun suffix. However, these object pronouns may be separated from the governing word for any of a number of reasons, in which case إِيَّآ (iyyā) must be employed as a generic "carrier" word

- 1) إِيَّآ (iyyā) used to delay the verb until after the object pronoun is introduced usually to emphasize the pronoun

S	V	O	S	V	O	
إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ						
You "alone" we worship and You "alone" we ask for help. (1:5)						
Without إِيَّآ (iyyā), the pronouns would have to follow the verbs, and it would simply say نَعْبُدُكَ وَنَسْتَعِينُكَ ("We worship Thee and turn to Thee for aid").						

- 2) إِيَّآ (iyyā) used to introduce the 2nd Object pronoun when the other object pronoun is already attached to the verb, preposition, or particle

O	O	S	V	
أَعْطَيْتُهُ السَّيَّارَةَ				
I gave him the car				
O	O	S	V	
أَعْطَيْتُهُ إِيَّاهَا				
I gave him it.				
O	O	S	V	
وَمَا كَانَ اسْتِغْفَارُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ إِلَّا عَنْ مَوْعِدَةٍ وَعَدَهَا إِيَّاهُ				
As for the prayer of Ibrāhīm for the forgiveness of his father, it was only due to a promise he had made(it) to him. (9:114) --- (He promised it to him)				

- 3) إِيَّآ (iyyā) used to state the object of a verb, preposition, or particle that is omitted /Dropped / hidden or understood from context

O	S	V
تَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكُمْ وَإِيَّاهُمْ		
We provide for you and for them. (6: 151)		

When the attached pronouns are used with the carrier (إِيَّآ) they become free bound and can come before or after the verb.

Some instances where (إِيَّآ) is used in Quran

1:5 , 2:40 , 2:41 , 2:172 , 4:131, 6:41, 6:151, 7:155, 9:114, 10:28, 12:40, 16:51, 16:114, 17:23, 17:31
17:67, 28:63, 29:56, 29:60, 34:24, 34:40, 41:37 & 60:1